

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

CHAPIN, ET AL.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Civil No. 2012-77
)	
GREAT SOUTHERN WOOD PRESERVING)	
INCORPORATED, ET AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

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GÓMEZ, J.

The trial in this matter scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016, shall be **BIFURCATED** into two components, liability and damages. Liability will be addressed first.

The order of proof as to liability shall proceed as follows:

- (1) Evidence will initially be presented with regard to common facts;
- (2) Evidence regarding each claim will then be presented alphabetically by plaintiff's surname or entity name;
- (3) In the event that multiple plaintiffs are asserting claims that relate to the same property or properties, the proof for each such collective claim with regard to a given property shall be presented in alphabetical order based on the surname or entity name of the plaintiff in that collective claim whose surname or entity name first appears in the alphabet.

In the interest of efficiency, if a witness is testifying with regard to more than one plaintiff, that witness will be permitted to testify as to all such plaintiffs when initially called as a witness. That witness should not be recalled during the liability component to separately address subsequent plaintiffs.

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After the liability component concludes, damages will be addressed. The order of proof during the damages component shall proceed in the same manner as the order of proof during the liability component.

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District Judge